To be answered on August 28, 1990

2406. SHRI M. M. JACOB:

SHRI V. NARAYANASAMY:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that he had offered to resign recently; and

(b) if so, what were the reasons therefor?

THE PRIME MINISTER (SHRI VISWANATH PRATAP SINGH): (a) and (b) A copy each of two letters dated July 14, 1990 addressed by Shri Vishwanath Pratap Singh to Shri S. R. Bommai, President, Janata Dal and Shri N. T. Rama Rao, Chairman, National Front is enclosed. The letters are self-explanatory.

Copy of letter from Shri V. P. Singh, the Prime Minister to Shri S. R. Bommai, President, Janata Dal

New Delhi
14-7-1990

Dear Shri Bommai,

The rationale of my being in the office of the Prime Minister was the trust of the people of the members of the National Front and of the supporting parties.

The developments during the last two days has shown that I have lost this trust. The rationale of my continuing in office is no longer there.

Bowing to the general sentiments I wish to step down from Prime Ministership. I have always held that for upholding a democratic norm an office can be sacrificed.

I would request you to call a meeting of the National Front Parliamentary Party to elect a new leader.

This should be done at the earliest so that uncertainity does not prevail at a time when the country was facing deep problems in J&K, Punjab and on the border.

I would have sent my resignation to the President but in absence of an alternative leader of the National Front & the Janata Dal it would have paved the way for the come back of the Congress(I) which also the people do not want, hence the urgency of the election of a new leader.

Your sincerely,
Sd/-
(Vishwanath Pratap Singh)

Shri S. R. Bommai,
President,
Janata Dal,
New Delhi.

Copy of letter from Shri V. P. Singh, the Prime Minister to Shri N. T. Rama Rao, Chairman, National Front.

New Delhi,
14-7-1990

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(Vishwanath Pratap Singh)

Shri N. T. Rama Raoji,
Chairman,
National Front,
New Delhi.

Projects running behind scheduled in Andhra Pradesh

2407. SHRI TALARI MANOHAR: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) what are the projects running behind schedule in Andhra Pradesh; and

(b) what are the constraints for implementation|construction thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION (SHRI BHAGEY GOBARDHAN): (a) As per the monitoring system of the Department of Programme Implementation, the following central projects in Andhra Pradesh (excluding multi-State projects like transmission lines), each costing Rs. 20 crore or more, were running behind schedule, as on 31-3-1990:

Sl.No.	Project Name	Sector
1	Heavy Water Project (DAE) Manuguru	Atomic Energy
2	Manuguru II OC (SCCL)	Coal
3	Ramagundam II OC (SCCL)	Coal
4	Godavri Khani 10A Incline (SCCL) Karim Nagar	Coal
5	Godavri Khani 11A Incline (SCCL) Karim Nagar.	Coal
6	Ravindra Khani 1A Incline (SCCL) Adilabad.	Coal
7	Vizag Steel Project (RINL)	Steel
8	Yerraguntla Cement Plant Expansion (CCI).	Cement
9	Vikarabad-Tandur Doubling (SCR)	Railways
10	Guntur Macherla Guage Conversion (SCR)	Railways
11	Kazipet-Sanatnagar Railway Electrification.	Railways
12	Vizag Rail Facility Service for Steel Plant (SER)	Railways
13	Vizag. Peripheral Yard for Steel Plant. (SER)	Railways
14	New Bridge on Godavri Rajmundri (SER)	Railways
15	Hindustan Shipyard Modernisation & Development Phase II (Vizag)	Surface Transport.

(b) Major constraints affecting the implementation/construction of the above projects, inter-alia, are delay in equipment supply, forest clearance, and acquisition of land, funds constraints, geological problems, contractual problems with the contractors etc.